(a) whether Government have agreed to renovate the Ghoom Railway Station at Darjeeling, to turn it as a Heritage Railway Station;

(b) whether Government have also agreed to build up proper infrastructures at Ghoom Railway Station to turn it attractive for tourists; and

(c) if so, time-frame, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A major part of the renovation of Ghoom Railway Station on Darjeeling Heritage Railway will be completed within the current financial year.

Rail Line from Patiala to Jakhal

5161. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the construction of rail line from Patiala to Jakhal via Samana and Patran; and

(b) if so, what is the status of the project, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to grossly unremunerative nature of the project and constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider this project at present.

Bookstall Contracts through open Tenders

5162. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration that all future bookstall contracts at Railway Stations would be awarded through open tender system;

(b) whether it is also under consideration of Government that all the bookstall contracts existing at present on Indian Railways would be cancelled and the same would be awarded afresh through open tender system; and

(c) if so, what are the details in respect of parts (a) and (b) above?